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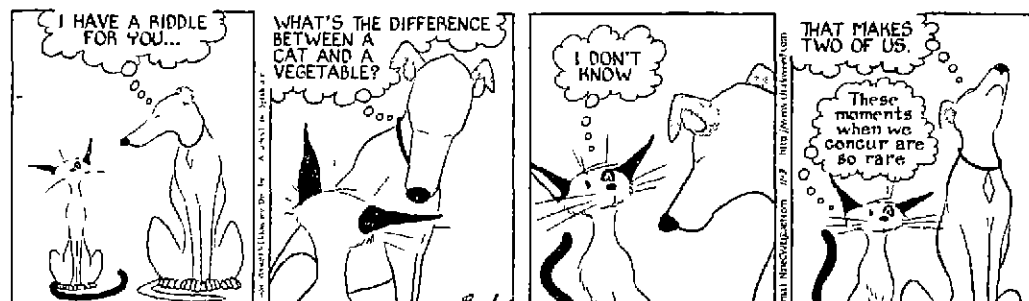
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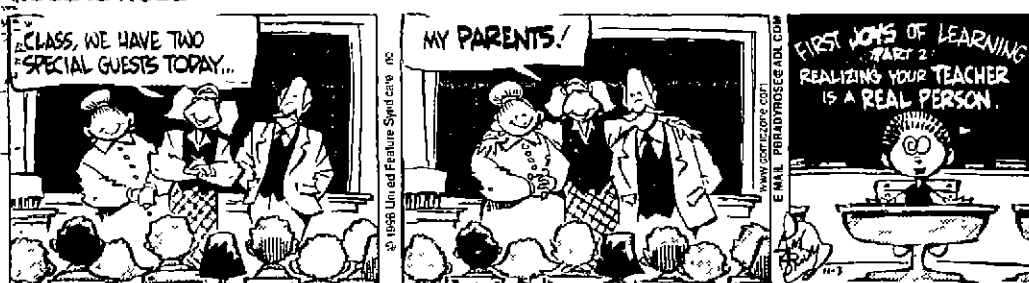
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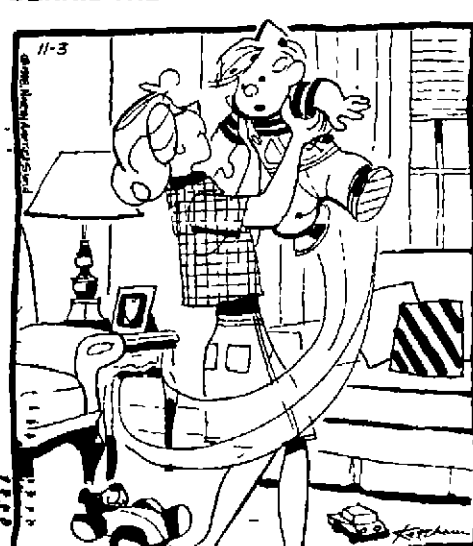
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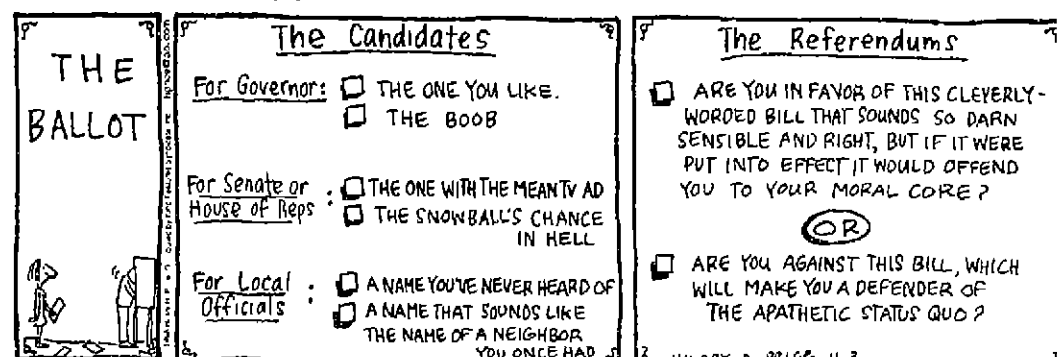
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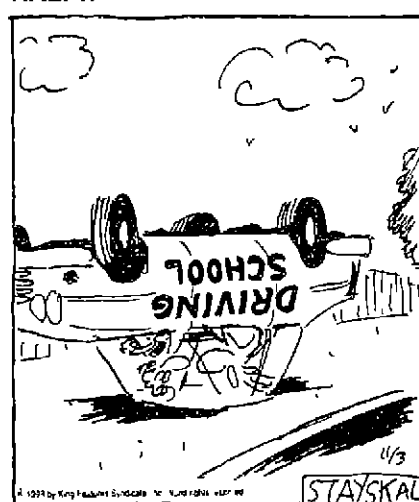
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

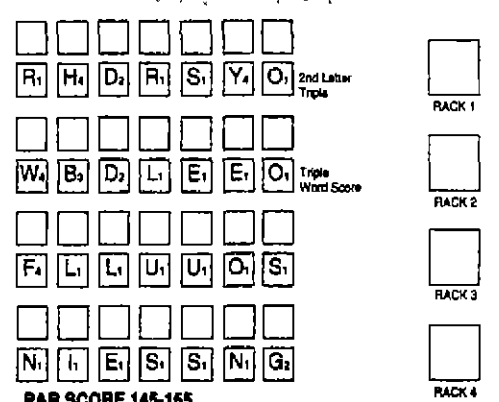
Baseball Hall of Famer **Bob Feller** is 80. Actor **Charles Bronson** is 77. Actress **Lois Smith** is 68. Actor **Shadroe Stevens** is 52. Singer **Lulu** is 50. Television critic **Tom Shales** is 50. Actor **Mike Evans** is 49. Comedian-actress-talk show host **Roseanne** is 46. Actress **Kate Capshaw** is 45. Comedian **Dennis Miller** is 45. Actress **Kathy Kinney** ("The Drew Carey Show") is 45. Singer **Adam Ant** is 44.

I NEED HELP



The revenge of Santa Ana's ex-wife.

SCRABBLE



DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 11-5-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Words of warning

J X U S Q N G L J G E C Z X V
T R P N P E T N L J H E C A D
Y W V T L R C U I P N L K Y E
I G E C A U T I O N C B Z A E
X W U S Y R F P T K R O M D H
L J I G S E D E B O O A A Y E
R E G N A D Y X R W N O W A K
U S T F F O S D N A H E L M A
F F O P E E K E R A C E K A T
S Q P S O N R E V O C E K A T
L R E B M I T E R A W E B K T

Monday's unlisted clue: STREAM

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: MARITIME DISTRESS CALL

Be careful Hands off SOS Take notice
Beware Keep off Take care Timber
Caution Look out Take cover Warning
Danger Play safe Take head

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ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"I should have led your suit," lamented West. "My lead made it easy for him." "Your lead didn't matter," consoled South. "I'd have made the slam regardless of what you led." When South bid the slam, West inferred that South was prepared for a club lead, so he led his diamond king. South won his ace, cashed his trump and club aces, and ruffed a club in dummy. Then he led a low spade and inserted his eight when East played low. West won his jack, but what could he do? A club return would offer a sluff and ruff, and a spade return would provide a free finesse. So West tried to cash his diamond queen. South ruffed, discarded his low spade on dummy's diamond jack and had an easy claim. Had West's opening lead been a club instead of his diamond king, it wouldn't have mattered. South could have either tried two spade finesses or eliminated the minors and employed West. Because success of the slam was inevitable, the real question was: Should South have been in slam? The answer to that question lies with West's decision to bid five clubs. It was not West's lead that hurt. With little or no partnership defensive values, it was West's push to five clubs that deserved the censure.

NORTH 11-3 A
Q 10 5 2
K 10 8 5 4
J 9 5
3

WEST EAST
J 6 4 K 7 3
4 4 5 4
K Q 10 7 6 3 2 8 4
Q 3 4 K J 10 9 8 6 2

SOUTH
A 8
A Q J 9 7 3 2
A
A 7

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: East

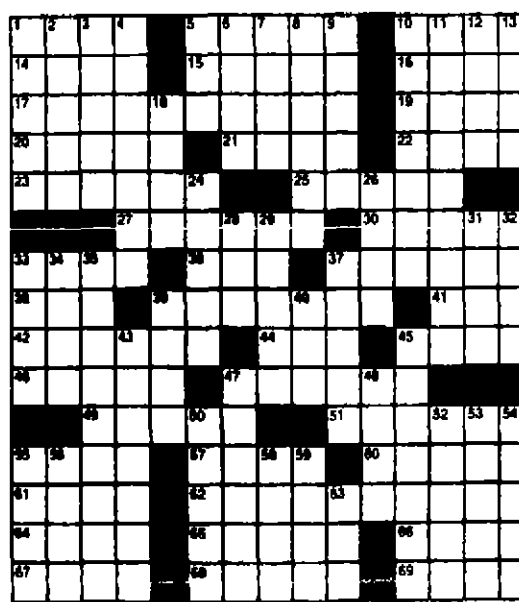
The bidding: East 3♣ South 4♥ West 3♣ North 5♥

All pass

Opening lead: Diamond king

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0922



Puzzle by Nancy Sorensen

ACROSS

- 1 Part of P.T.A. Abbr.
- 5 Make sense
- 10 St. Thomas or St. Martin
- 14 It's hard for some people to carry
- 15 Dough
- 16 N.Y. Met or L.A. Dodger, e.g.
- 17 White's dessert?
- 18 Fly high
- 20 Ho hello
- 21 Dried up
- 22 There's no free ride on these highways
- 23 Key task?
- 25 Fable fellow
- 27 "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" and others
- 30 Check for fit
- 33 Prepare for a rainy day
- 36 Bud's buddy
- 37 Disco spinner
- 39 Prop in slapstick
- 40 Carry's snack food?
- 41 Mime find
- 42 Shows flexibility, in a way
- 44 Hit like Holyfield
- 46 Numero uno
- 48 Free-for-all
- 47 Western howler
- 49 Blender maker
- 51 Like Joe Average
- 52 From pillar to
- 57 Televies
- 60 Bid the bed adieu
- 61 in a blue moon
- 62 Sawyer's beef?
- 64 Shan of "Doctor Zhivago"
- 66 Leg bone
- 68 Life-or-death matter. Abbr.
- 67 The lady's
- 69 Like snakeskin
- 69 Madams' men

DOWN

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ANEC SWAMP BAJA
DIAL TIOIA EYIL
AERO ALIST LEVI
MULTIPLECHOICE
HOLY ENE
BOVINE ACTOFGOD
ARENA INAIR AMA
SONG ABOG WEEK
INA SPODE HELGA
COLAPSE QUASAR
AER CULT
NONE OF THE ABOVE
GOAD VIRUS ALSO
ANKH ARENT LION
SOSO LEERS LOPS

- 32 Nikita's "no"
- 33 Junk E-mail
- 34 Glonified goter
- 36 Wilde's entree?
- 37 Popular pencil brand
- 39 Let it be, editionally
- 40 Newborn child, for one
- 43 Bothers à la baby brother
- 46 They may be black and blue
- 47 Siskel or Ebert
- 48 Warty skinned critter
- 49 Bridge positions
- 52 Home of the N.B.A. Heat
- 53 "Lou Grant" star
- 54 Salacious looks
- 58 Christopher Robin's pal
- 59 Treater's words
- 58 Singer McEntire
- 59 Go yachting
- 63 Mary of cosmetics

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